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Mr. [] of IO Division informed me that [] had requested Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R., N. J.) to make a statement on the Floor supporting the drive for funds for [] Sen. Smith wrote back that he could not do so in view of the fact that the organization was [] subsequently asked Julius Cahn, Counsel to Chairman Wiley of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, about this investigation, and [] was informed that Cahn could give them no information other than that one of the people somehow connected with the organization was being investigated. I talked with Cahn today and he informed me that Mark Trice, Secretary of the Senate, was passing the word to Senators not to get mixed up with [] because it was being looked into. Cahn remonstrated with him because of the inherent value of the organization, but informs me that the only way to stop Trice is for an officer of the Senate to do so. The officers of the Senate include the Vice President, Senator Knowland (the Majority Leader), and Senator Ferguson (Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee). Cahn told me that Roy Cohn had mentioned about six months ago that McCarthy was thinking of looking into [] but appears to have dropped it, particularly in the light of Senator Welker's task force. In addition, Cahn was aware of Congressman Feighan's interest in the [] case. Mr. [] points out the urgency of trying to straighten out this problem as [] is holding up the campaign in the Government and on Capitol Hill until this road block is removed.

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Mr. Cahn was of the impression (probably received from Frank Schroeder) that Senator Welker was trying to hold the hearings on the Czechs and other groups in Executive Session so as not to harm [] but that the letter to the Vice President from James Carey of the CIO had raised many hackles and caused considerable ill feeling.

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2. Mr. Cahn suggested that it might be advisable for us to be in contact with [] who is presently serving as []

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[] He states that [] has always proven to be quite reliable in his knowledge of Communist activities in Central and South America and might be worthwhile talking to upon his return.

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3. Mr. Cahn also stated that he felt that the outcome of the [] incident to be of importance to CIA indirectly as many of the people on Capitol Hill felt that CIA and State were closely intertwined. Cahn felt that Senator Bridges particularly had this impression and would of course be much upset by the [] incident.

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4. Mr. [] of IO Division, informed me that arrangements have been made by Mr. Walsh, of the House Baltic Committee, to talk in New York [] regarding assistance to be rendered in connection with the expanded plans of the Committee to look into the Soviet takeover of the Baltic countries. [] will propose that the Committee undertake a serious and scholarly study of this problem, which could then be supplemented by appropriate witnesses who were involved in these takeovers. They feel that this would be preferable to the Committee's starting in cold with a series of disjointed witnesses. In view of Cong. Kersten's talk with the Director on this matter, I suggested that [] coordinate this approach with [] office.

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